



Ellsworth R.
March 31st/68

Dear Bro John

Yours of the
14th Inst was received a few
days ago. I was glad
indeed to hear that
you were getting along
so well. & that your prospects
are so good. I think
you have been very lucky
in getting the chance
that you have. Now a
good deal ^{of your success} depends on
yourself. Though not all.
Buy as cheap as possible
and keep good articles you
will be able to sell as cheap
as any one. & if there is any
business to be done you

will have your share
Quick sales & small profits
is my motto
"though I like large ones
when I can get them"
for there is nothing like
keeping your money
rolling all the time
I am much more better pleased
to hear that you are going
into business for your-
self than taking a situation
It is my intention at
present to go home in
the fall or beginning of
winter, & if I should not
be able to go by the time
you wish to enlarge your
store I think I will be able
to give you a thousand or
two well which may help
a little till I get cleared up
here

My partner & myself
are fitting or rather putting
up a building 20 x 60
for a restaurant for Ice
cream & meals at all hours
in other words a fancy or
fashionable eating house
right opposite the Depot
& quite certain we will do
splendid this summer
as there will be an awful
immigration to this place
and between that and our
business I intend to save
a little money "at least
I will try". Business is
beginning to be very good
I will soon be better we
intend to do a pretty heavy
business this summer
I have no news of importance
to tell you. I very seldom
receive a English paper

I suppose you will see
from the papers that
Andy Johnson has got
himself into rather a tight
place from which I
hope he won't get easily
out, "but time will prove".
Remember me to all
who may enquire for me.
Give my love to the girls
& all the family, & accept
the regards from your
 Loving Son

J. M. L. your.

P.S.

Send this to Rockwood as
not ordered to address
Hillsburg
J. M. L.

Miss Jane Whitson
Hillsburg
Nebraska
Indiana

